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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Ryuichiro YOSHIMURA et al.	)	Confirmation No.: 5376
	)	
Application No.: 09/966,066	)	Group Art Unit: 2616
	)	
Filed: October 1, 2001	)	Examiner: Helen Shibru
	)	
For: INFORMATION RECORDING APPARATUS,	)	
INFORMATION RECORDING METHOD, AND	)	
INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM IN	)	
WHICH INFORMATION RECORDING	)	
PROGRAM IS COMPUTER-READABLY	)	
RECORDED	)	

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

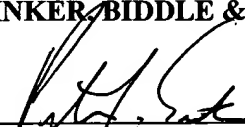
Sir:

An Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanied the Notice of Allowability recently issued in connection with the above-identified application.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's statement because it alleges to reflect the claim language in only one claim. Applicants respectfully assert that each and every claim independently distinguishes over the cited references on their own merits, as delineated in the features of said claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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